

ORDER

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FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION

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AVIATION SYSTEM STANDARDS

**SUBJ: POLICY WITH RESPECT TO MILITARY PROGRAM PROCEDURES FOR FLIGHT
INSPECTION OF FOREIGN-OWNED AIR NAVIGATION FACILITIES**

- 1. PURPOSE.** This order establishes Aviation System Standards (AVN) policy for the management of international flight inspection activities conducted by the FAA on foreign-owned air navigational aids (NAVAIDS) designated as essential to U.S. military operations, and the systematic review of those activities.
- 2. DISTRIBUTION.** This order is distributed to the division level in the Office of International Aviation, to the branch level in the Office of Aviation System Standards, and to all employees of the International Flight Inspection Office. Special distribution will be made to the Executive Director, Department of Defense Policy Board on Federal Aviation and executive offices of the U.S. Military services.
- 3. CANCELLATION.** FAA Order 8200.3, Policy With Respect to Military Program Procedures for Flight Inspection of Foreign-Owned Air Navigation Facilities, dated February 13, 1998, is canceled.
- 4. BACKGROUND.** The FAA assumed responsibility for flight inspection of air navigation facilities owned and operated by the Department of Defense (DOD) in foreign territory, and certain foreign-owned air navigation facilities designated essential to the U.S. military mission, under agreement negotiated between the FAA and the United States Air Force, effective November 27, 1962; with the United States Army (NAT-127), effective February 14, 1964; and with the United States Navy, effective July 12, 1963. Basic authority for FAA assumption of this function from the U.S. military is contained in Executive Order 11047, dated August 28, 1962. In accordance with the terms of these agreements with the U.S. military, FAA performs required flight inspection services under its own appropriations, without reimbursement from the military, but subject to scrutiny by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). The U.S. policy on flight inspection of air navigation aids on a worldwide basis is contained in the Interagency Group on International Aviation (IGIA) Document 77/4.6G, entitled Flight Testing of Navigation Aids - U.S. Policy with Respect to the Flight Inspection of Air Navigation on a Worldwide Basis.
- 5. RELATED PUBLICATIONS.** FAA Order 2500.35, Reimbursable Agreements Covering Services and Materiel Provided by the FAA.

6. POLICY FOR MILITARY PROGRAM PROCEDURES. The point of contact for these procedures is the Manager, DOD Programs for Flight Inspections, AVN-8.

a. The FAA will provide flight inspection for foreign-owned NAVAIDS designated as essential to the U. S. military worldwide.

b. The FAA and DOD have agreed that military requests for flight inspection of foreign-owned air navigation aids, designated as essential to U.S. military operations, be routed from the military department headquarters through the Executive Director, DOD Policy Board on Federal Aviation, to the Program Director of Aviation System Standards, with an information copy to the Office of International Aviation (AIA).

c. Aviation System Standards will annually review and publish the DOD Foreign-Owned Essential NAVAIDS List. The review will be coordinated with the appropriate service headquarters and Executive Director, DOD Policy Board on Federal Aviation. The annually published DOD Foreign-Owned Essential List will be dated and signed by the Program Director of AVN.

d. Aviation System Standards will coordinate a smooth transition when a foreign country requests to assume flight inspection responsibility of their NAVAIDS on the DOD Foreign-Owned Essential List. This will include, but not be limited to: (1) Coordinating the transition with appropriate service headquarters and the Executive Director, DOD, Policy Board on Federal Aviation; (2) Supplying the country with copies of the past AVN flight inspection reports of the facility; (3) Supplying the country with the flight inspection schedule and current periodic interval for the facility.

e. The Office of International Aviation will conduct negotiations through the Department of State (DOS) to obtain an agreement when it has been determined feasible to transfer flight inspection services to a host country. The DOD is responsible for immediately informing the DOS, FAA's Office of International Aviation, and the appropriate foreign government whenever any foreign-owned air navigation facility is deleted from the list of essential facilities the FAA was required to flight inspect.

f. Aviation System Standards will respond immediately to emergency requests, for flight inspection of foreign-owned air navigation facilities, directly from a U.S. Military Major Command Level or higher, provided the DOD has obtained the necessary concurrence of the foreign government for FAA aircraft and aircrews to perform the requested inspections. The Program Director of AVN shall report promptly to the FAA Administrator, through the Director of Airway Facilities Service, any emergency flight inspection services provided and inform AIA of the services provided at no cost to the host country.

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